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COVID-19 vaccine under final review for young children

Carson City, NV – The Nevada State Immunization Program is currently working with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Local Health Authorities, and medical providers to be ready to distribute pediatric COVID-19 vaccinations, if approved.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices (ACIP) will provide final recommendations on the use of the vaccine this weekend. Following that discussion, the Western States Scientific Safety Review Workgroup, which includes representatives from Nevada, California, Oregon and Washington, will meet to review and provide additional guidance.

Pfizer's three-dose vaccine would cover children 6 months through 4 years of age, the Moderna two-dose vaccine would be for children 6 months through 5 years and Moderna vaccines for 6-11-year-olds and 12-17-year-olds are under review.

Through the review process the State has worked with vaccinating providers to prepare for these new populations to be eligible for vaccine and doses have been ordered so the State and providers are prepared when recommendations are received.

The Nevada State Immunization Program will provide technical guidance to vaccinators and distribute vaccine when approved.

Emergency Use Authorization of COVID-19 vaccine for those ages 5 to 11 was recommended in November 2021. As of this week, 23% of Nevadans ages 5-11 have initiated vaccination.

The Nevada Department of Health and Human Services encourages families to speak with a trusted health care provider about vaccination and COVID-19 vaccines and booster doses are available statewide. For more information go to [NVCOVIDFighter.org](https://www.nvcoVIDfighter.org) or call 800-401-0946.

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